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The Honorable Jeff Merkley, Chairman
The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Ranking Member
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Merkley and Ranking Member Murkowski:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2022 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Thank you again for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,



PATRICK LEAHY
United States Senator

**Leahy, Patrick J.(D-VT) Interior and Environment
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Clemmons Family Farm	Funding will support the preservation of critical infrastructure at the Clemmons Family Farm, a nonprofit organization that convenes a statewide network of Vermont's African American artists to promote learning and dialogue around African American history, art and culture.	Charlotte VT	\$500
The Nature Conservancy in Vermont	Funding will support U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) acquisition of high priority lands in Vermont for addition to the four-state Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, which encompasses the entire Connecticut River watershed.	Essex County VT	\$8,500
Friends of the Union Meeting Hall Inc.	Funding will support urgently needed preservation and upgrade work on the historic Ferrisburgh Union Meeting Hall, turning it into a cornerstone of a vibrant town center.	Ferrisburgh VT	\$250
Village of Jeffersonville	Funding will support completion of a water system upgrade that will allow the Village of Jeffersonville to overcome periodic drought-related water shortages and lift a moratorium placed on new housing and economic development in the Village due to lack of sufficient water infrastructure.	Jeffersonville VT	\$560
Milton Mobile Home Community, Inc.	Funding will connect homeowners in this non-profit, resident owned park to nearby town water and sewer systems, preserving a major site of affordable homeownership in Chittenden County.	Milton VT	\$500
The Trust for Public Land	Funding will support the addition of more than 2,000 acres to the Green Mountain National Forest and expand the buffer of public land surrounding the Appalachian National Scenic Trail and Long Trail National Recreation Trail.	Pownal and Stanford VT	\$2,100
Vermont Youth Conservation Corps	Funding will help fully restore the underused East Monitor Barn, an iconic Vermont landmark and a contributing structure on the National Register of Historic Places, including building stabilization and roof repairs. The project will help save a historically significant building as well as support the local economy and allow for expanded Vermont Youth Conservation Corps activities on the property.	Richmond VT	\$500
The Paramount Center, Inc.	Funding will support part of a multi-million restoration effort of the Paramount Theatre in downtown Rutland, Vt., focusing on retaining the unique historic features that date back to the theater's 1914 opening.	Rutland VT	\$500
Vermont Huts Association	Funding will support upgrades to 31 miles of existing trails and build 14 miles of new trail on Green Mountain National Forest lands to support Vermont's "Velomont" project, which will be the largest accommodation-supported mountain biking trail system in the United States, running the full length of the State. The network of accommodations – which include cabins, huts, yurts, and lodges – and accompanying trails supported by this funding will provide a cohesive network lodging to support enhanced outdoor recreation opportunities. to The project will expand outdoor recreation infrastructure in Vermont and provide new ways for Vermonters and recreation tourists to access the State's public lands.	Statewide VT	\$2,500
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board	Funding will provide succession planning and other technical services to private forestland owners in high priority forest areas as identified by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. Landowners will receive coaching on how to transfer their land to the next generation without subdivision, protecting critical natural resources and habitat from development pressure and fragmentation.	Statewide VT	\$150
Northern Forest Center	Funding will support a multi-pronged approach to improve Vermont's struggling forest economy, including development of new products and market assessments to grow sustainable demand for Vermont forest products, technical assistance to support new and existing forest products businesses, and coordinated regional marketing efforts.	Statewide VT	\$250

Vermont Woodlands Association	Funding will support outreach and technical assistance for foresters and landowners to facilitate access to carbon market opportunities. Small-scale forestland owners have seen high barriers to participation in these markets, which can enhance landowner income, help protect intact forests, and help realize the climate change mitigation potential of Northeastern forests.	Statewide VT	\$286
City of Vergennes	Funding will support a pump station upgrade for the City of Vergennes' wastewater treatment facility, contributing to a system-wide overhaul that will prevent sanitary sewer overflow discharges during rain and snow melt events. The improvements will support improved water quality, aquatic habitat, and public health in the Otter Creek and Lake Champlain by reducing or eliminating sewage overflows and improving stormwater infrastructure.	Vergennes VT	\$3,000
Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation	Funding will be used to complete renovations and new construction at a number of popular and historically-significant state parks in order to support year-round overnight access to the public. Project includes renovation of the Goodell House, the last structure still standing in the historic district of Little River State Park in Waterbury and the construction of a new overnight facility, as well as renovation of the "Stone House" in Coolidge State Forest to make the structure available for year-round public use.	Waterbury and Plymouth VT	\$315